Decrease in foreign students

†1398. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL.
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the number of foreign students seeking education in the universities has been constantly decreasing in the country in the recent years;

(b) if not, the number of such students in the academic years 1998 and 2003; and

(c) the reasons for the constant decrease in the number of the foreign students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the information compiled by the Association of Indian Universities, the total number of foreign students studying at Indian Universities from 1998-99 to 2000-01 is indicated below:

1998-1999	5329
1999-2000	6988
2000-2001	7701

The figures beyond 2000-01 are yet to be compiled.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in students getting education Abroad

†1399. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of the students getting their education abroad is increasing for the last several years;

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(b) if so. the number of such students during the last three years, separately;

(c) whether the nation is suffering a loss of three billion dollar per year due to rising number of students going abroad; and

(d) if not, the assessment of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Though the Government has no authentic information about the number of Indian students going abroad for higher studies, with the economic and financial reforms set in motion by the Government, the students mobility across international boundaries has considerably increased during the recent years.

(c) and (d) It is not possible to quantify the net profit/loss to the country on this account.

Fees by private schools and technical institutions

†1400. DR. PRABHA THAKUR. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether arbitrarily charging of the donation and fees by the private schools and technical educational institutions for the admissions is legal;

(b) whether any limit has been fixed by Government for the fee to be charged from the students for each standard in the private schools; and

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps are proposed to be taken by Government to check the said arbitrary collections by the educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir. As per the bye-laws of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) the fees charged by the school should

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